

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 1985

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served April 19, 1979

Prescription of Interstate Taxicab)
Rates for AIR TRANSIT, INC.)

Case No. MP-79-21

On March 16, 1979, Air Transit, Inc., filed a response to our Order No. 1963, served February 16, 1979. In connection with our Case No. MP-79-05, Air Transit recommended an alternative to the interstate rate structure proposed by the Commission's staff and expressed its intention to adjust its taximeters to operate on the rates prescribed by the Commission in that proceeding.

By Order No. 1982, served today, the Commission concluded its investigation in Case No. MP-79-05 and prescribed new and increased interstate rates for taxicabs licensed and regulated by the District of Columbia. In a footnote to that order the Commission noted Air Transit's expression, concluding that it was inappropriate in the context of that case, and indicating the matter would be dealt with separately in this order.

Air Transit operates taxicab service from Dulles International Airport (Dulles) to points located within the Metropolitan District. As pertinent here, the Commission can prescribe taxicab rates from a point in one Compact signatory to a point in another Compact signatory when both points are within the Metropolitan District. See Compact, Title II, Article XII, Section 8. Therefore, the rates here involved are between Dulles, which is located in Virginia, on the one hand, and on the other, points in the District of Columbia, Montgomery County, Md., and Prince George's County, Md.

Air Transit's current interstate rates were prescribed by Order No. 1520, served March 17, 1976, as a result of Air Transit's Application No. 924. These rates are

- 60¢ First half-mile, or part thereof
- 20¢ Each additional two-sevenths of a mile, or part thereof
- 40¢ Each additional passenger

with incidental charges as shown in Appendix A to Order No. 1520. For reasons expressed in Order No. 1520, Air Transit sought and was granted a rate structure which would be mechanically compatible with its taximeters

and operating circumstances. The rates were tailored as closely as possible to the rates which would otherwise have been chargeable by Air Transit under Order No. 1502, served February 13, 1976.

Absent an exception similarly granted by the Commission in this case, we conclude that the rates adopted today by our Order No. 1984 */ are the rates which would be appropriate for Air Transit. We will, however, suspend the effectiveness of those rates only as they apply to Air Transit, and continue in effect the rates prescribed by Order No. 1520 pending action on additional information which we shall invite Air Transit to file. Air Transit is invited to submit, in writing, within 15 days of the date of this order, a proposal for adapting, as closely as possible, the rates prescribed in Order No. 1984 to its taximeters.

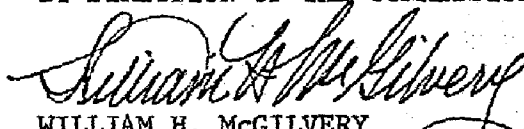
THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That the rates prescribed by Order No. 1984 , served today, are hereby suspended only with respect to Air Transit, Inc.

2. That the rates prescribed for Air Transit, Inc., by Order No. 1520, served March 17, 1976, are hereby expressly continued in effect until further order of the Commission.

3. That Air Transit, Inc., submit within 15 days of the date of this order a proposal, in writing, adapting the rates prescribed in Order No. 1984, served today, as closely as possible to its taximeters, and fully explaining the necessity for, or desirability of, any variations therefrom.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION:


WILLIAM H. MCGILVERY
Executive Director

*/ Order No. 1984, served today in Case No. MP-79-20, prescribes interstate rates for taxicabs not licensed and regulated by any political subdivision located within the Metropolitan District.